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ALLISION WITH STATEN ISLAND FERRY :

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INTERVIEW OF: :

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WILLIAM THOMAS DOYLE :

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Office of Marine Safety  
NTSB

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The above captioned interview was conducted, pursuant to notice.

CHAIRMAN TURRELL: Good afternoon. My name is Morgan Turrell. I'm  
 rations Group. We can go around the table to my right and introduce  
 interviewers. I am Morgan Turrell.

MR. WOODY: I'm Bill Woody with the NTSB.

MR. HARDY: Detective Anthony Hardy, NYPD

CHAIRMAN TURRELL: And Bill, if you would just give us your name, full knowledge you're being recorded.

CHAIRMAN TURRELL: Mr. Doyle, how old are you?

MR. DOYLE: Fifty-seven.

CHAIRMAN TURRELL: How long you have worked for the ferries?

MR. DOYLE: I think it'll be twenty-four years in December.

CHAIRMAN TURRELL: Did you have any maritime employment before

MR. DOYLE: United States Navy.

CHAIRMAN TURRELL: What was your position of employment on October 15th?

1 MR. DOYLE: Mate on the Governor Lehman, 3:30 to 11:30 p.m.

2 CHAIRMAN TURRELL: And can you tell us where you were,  
3 approximately, at 1520 on Wednesday?

4 MR. DOYLE: I was on the New York end, Brooklyn side, on the ...  
5 lifeboat.

6 CHAIRMAN TURRELL: Step back to Wednesday morning, if you would,  
7 tell us what time you woke up and all the details of the day leading up through and  
8 including the accident and rescue effort.

9 MR. DOYLE: This is all going to be general. CHAIRMAN  
10 TURRELL: To the best of your knowledge.

11 MR. DOYLE: Let me see, I got up at 4:30, shut my ... alarm off, got up at  
12 5:00 o'clock, shut the other alarm off. Woke my wife up. Went back to sleep. Moved  
13 my car at about ten minutes to seven. Went back to sleep. And I'm not sure of this,  
14 but I think I got up at 8:30 to get my son off to school. Nine o'clock I took my daughter  
15 to school, got home about 9:30. Had something to eat. Laid down until about quarter  
16 after ten. Picked my daughter up. I think I drove her to the baby sitter. I'm not sure.  
17 Went to the store, came home. Had something to eat. Took a shower. Got dressed  
18 for work.

19 I left the house at about 1:30. Stopped at Arnie's Parties (ph), got  
20 cigarettes, and I played the daily numbers. Got in the car and drove to work. I got  
21 stuck in traffic. I got to Whitehall at about ten minutes to three, and I remembered  
22 that I played the wrong numbers, and I ran across the street and said to the woman --  
23 no, that was the day before. That was the day before. I ran across the street and I  
24 played the numbers for that day and ran to the boat and I just about made it -- about  
25 two minutes to three I got on the boat.

1                   Did my normal thing, I waved up at Mike. I waved up at whoever was  
2   on the saloon deck. I waved at whoever was on the bridge. And they let the boat go  
3   and I ran down to the locker room to take a leak. Came back up, went outside, went  
4   around underneath the lifeboats and I hung around there until I heard a noise.

5                   CHAIRMAN TURRELL: Okay.

6                   MR. DOYLE: I heard what I thought was a boat hitting the rack -- now  
7   this is all kind of like after the fact -- I remember thinking to myself, boy, that didn't  
8   sound like the wooden rack. I didn't give it much thought. And all of a sudden -- I  
9   don't remember how long a time frame it was -- all of a sudden I heard this noise and I  
10   thought the deck -- I thought the engines were coming through the deck, like it was  
11   just vibrating like crazy.

12                  And shortly after that I opened up the -- I heard people yelling, and I  
13   opened up the door to go in and people were running towards me, but I didn't see  
14   anything because the staircase was in the way. And I ran in, and somewhere  
15   between where the door is for the engine room and where the back of the staircase  
16   is, I saw the thing all opened up. And somebody was screaming and I kind of ran this  
17   way over the bench. Then all the crap started.

18                  CHAIRMAN TURRELL: Okay, so you live in Manhattan?

19                  MR. DOYLE: No, I live in Long Island.

20                  CHAIRMAN TURRELL: You live in Long Island. And the purpose of your  
21   trip from Manhattan to Staten Island?

22                  MR. DOYLE: Was to come to work.

23                  CHAIRMAN TURRELL: Can you describe, as best you can, when you  
24   boarded the vessel, you said you waved to certain individuals.

25                  MR. DOYLE: Yes.

1 CHAIRMAN TURRELL: Can you describe to the best of your knowledge,  
2 who they were and where they were?

3 MR. DOYLE: Well, I remember -- I think I remember -- seeing Mike up at  
4 the wheel house and I waved to him, but he was not looking at me, I don't think. Then  
5 I -- my eyes come down to the saloon deck and I don't remember who was there.  
6 And --

7 CHAIRMAN TURRELL: You saw a Staten Island ferry employee at the  
8 saloon deck?

9 MR. DOYLE: Yes. I just -- then I keep walking, and I'm going to guess,  
10 Dennis Connell (ph) was at the bridge because he's usually there. And I guess Bobby  
11 Rush would have been over by that side, and I want to say Steve Bonamo (ph) but  
12 he's not there, so I don't know.

13 CHAIRMAN TURRELL: Okay, you don't have to guess, I just wanted to  
14 know who -- so you definitely saw Captain Gansas in the wheel house when you left  
15 Whitehall?

16 MR. DOYLE: Yes.

17 CHAIRMAN TURRELL: Can you describe the transit that day? You're a  
18 long term ferry employee, describe the conditions and the transit to the best of your  
19 knowledge as it happened.

20 MR. DOYLE: It was a little windy, that's all. Other than that, it was nice  
21 out.

22 CHAIRMAN TURRELL: Had you experienced that amount of wind  
23 before in your experience?

24 MR. DOYLE: Yes.

25 CHAIRMAN TURRELL: Do you recall if the vessel left on time?

1 MR. DOYLE: I would say it probably left -- let me see, I was running  
2 down the thing -- probably right on time, I would guess.

3 CHAIRMAN TURRELL: Can you describe the transit approaching  
4 Whitehall -- excuse me, approaching St. George. Normally what does the vessel do in  
5 your expectation, as a mate and as a passenger, what are the normal cues for you to  
6 know you're approaching St. George?

7 MR. DOYLE: Usually there's a noise of a shifting of a pitch of the  
8 engines, and the boat'll cut back, maybe not noticeable to somebody else, but, you  
9 know, which would let me know that I'm going to walk up because if the boat's late,  
10 I've got to jump off and run in and slice in, so I make sure that I'm up there before the  
11 -- instead of having them hook up, I just jump off. But there was none.

12 CHAIRMAN TURRELL: When was the first time that you realized the  
13 vessel was not going ...

14 MR. DOYLE: I have no idea.

15 CHAIRMAN TURRELL: Can you tell us again what you were actually  
16 doing the first moment you felt or heard an impact? What you were doing, where you  
17 were looking?

18 MR. DOYLE: I was looking out towards Brooklyn and the bridge.

19 CHAIRMAN TURRELL: Did you feel the vessel ever slow down?

20 MR. DOYLE: I didn't notice anything until I heard the tap -- that's what it  
21 seemed like, a tap.

22 CHAIRMAN TURRELL: Have you served as a mate aboard the Barberi  
23 class vessels?

24 MR. DOYLE: Rarely.

25 CHAIRMAN TURRELL: Have you served with Captain Smith?

1 MR. DOYLE: Yes, I have.

2 CHAIRMAN TURRELL: What kind of a captain was Captain Smith?

3 MR. DOYLE: A very -- very good captain.

4 CHAIRMAN TURRELL: Did you have a good relationship with him?

5 MR. DOYLE: With the different ships, you don't get to see the guys too  
6 often, but we always got along fine.

7 CHAIRMAN TURRELL: Can you describe what type of captain he was  
8 with the crew officers? Was he a demanding person or easy going person? Can you  
9 describe his nature?

10 MR. DOYLE: When I worked for him, he was fair -- you know,  
11 everybody do your job and he wasn't a nit-picker. Like he wouldn't like say, say the  
12 boat's tying up at the end of the night, he comes down the staircase, and there might  
13 be a paper wrapper ... He would never come to me and say Billy, the guy ain't doing  
14 his job.

15 CHAIRMAN TURRELL: Is Captain Smith a tall person?

16 MR. DOYLE: A lot of people are tall to me. I make him about 5-11,  
17 maybe 5-10.

18 CHAIRMAN TURRELL: Do you recall if he wears glasses?

19 MR. DOYLE: I'm going to say reading glasses, maybe, because I've  
20 seen -- I don't think I really remember him wearing glasses.

21 CHAIRMAN TURRELL: Have you had the chance to work with Captain  
22 Mike Gansas?

23 MR. DOYLE: Maybe once or twice. I couldn't tell you if I did. I'm going  
24 to guess I did, but I don't recall any time.

25 CHAIRMAN TURRELL: Any impressions of him when you worked for him?

1 MR. DOYLE: Just from hearing other people talk about him, you know,  
2 I remember him coming up. He was always a good guy.

3 CHAIRMAN TURRELL: How about Mr. Rush? What kind of an employee  
4 was Mr. Rush? Did you have a working relationship with him?

5 MR. DOYLE: I don't -- I don't get an opportunity to work with other  
6 mates because I very rarely work on the Newhouse or the Barberi. But from what I  
7 know of Bobby Rush, he's a very professional guy. He takes care of his business very  
8 well.

9 CHAIRMAN TURRELL: When you work on the Governor Lehman, are  
10 you the senior mate?

11 MR. DOYLE: I'm the only mate.

12 CHAIRMAN TURRELL: Perhaps you could tell us, when you work on the  
13 Barberi class, where there are two mates, can you tell me whether you're the senior  
14 mate or the junior mate?

15 MR. DOYLE: No, I would be working overtime on that boat, and I  
16 would always be the junior mate, even though I'm senior to them.

17 CHAIRMAN TURRELL: Can you tell us what, as a junior mate, what your  
18 duties would be on the Barberi class if you were assigned to it, what your duties would  
19 be coming in to Staten Island?

20 MR. DOYLE: I would be at the boat, hook it up, making sure  
21 everything's okay. And when it's time to go, make sure everything's secure and give  
22 the signal to the Captain that everything's okay.

23 CHAIRMAN TURRELL: Which side would you normally stand on if you  
24 were the junior mate on the Barberi, coming in?

25 MR. DOYLE: I would be on the Staten Island end, on the Jersey side.

1 CHAIRMAN TURRELL: Is that normal -- is that a standard practice, or is  
2 that just your thing? Or is that -- that's an assigned position?

3 MR. DOYLE: No, that's the assigned position.

4 CHAIRMAN TURRELL: What were your actions after the accident  
5 occurred and you knew there was a severe problem? What actions did you take to  
6 assist the vessel and the crew and the masters?

7 MR. DOYLE: Kind of went diagonally between the staircase and the  
8 housing for the engineering space, and I just looked at the crap. There was a  
9 passenger over here, and a passenger over there and they were waving at me, and I  
10 went over there and I saw this arm sticking out of this mess. I told the one guy to get  
11 away from where he was because I was afraid he was going to fall in the water. And  
12 me and this other guy, we started taking the stuff off. I think one of the engineer guys  
13 was standing over here -- he must have come up out of the engine room, I guess.

14 So I got in there and I felt the guy's pulse. I didn't feel any pulse, and  
15 one guy's screaming "That's my friend. That's my friend." And I said, we'll get him. We'll  
16 get him.

17 Moved the stuff out of the way and the guy had no face. So I said,  
18 "Everybody get out of here." Then some guy come running up to me and he said,  
19 "Can I help? Can I help? Can I help?" And I said, look, you want to do something,  
20 leave me alone. And he said "I'm an off-duty cop. I'm an off-duty cop." And I said,  
21 well, take your badge, put it on your shirt someplace and get these people out of  
22 here. Get them up on the next deck.

23 Then somebody -- there was two guys over here with a passenger, I  
24 couldn't see them because there was stuff there, and I went around and I seen them,  
25 and one guy's screaming that his face is all messed up, but when I got there I could

1 see he was bubbling blood. I checked his pulse. He had a pulse, but he had blood  
2 coming from his back someplace, and his leg was all mangled up and they're trying  
3 to pull him. I said, "Don't move this guy." And somebody's screaming, where's the first  
4 aid kit? Where's the first aid kit? And I'm going, are you kidding me?

5 So we wiped the guy's face off and I could see that he was breathing  
6 but he had blood in his mouth, and I just told him -- I cut the guy's jacket off, but I  
7 couldn't -- I didn't want to move him and where the blood came from, it had stopped  
8 bleeding or it was bleeding very little, and they wanted to roll him over. And I said, no  
9 you can't roll him over. ... so I don't even know if it was attached, I didn't even see any  
10 blood, but it was twisted like three times. So I said just leave this guy. You stay with  
11 him.

12 Then -- then what? Then what? I look up and I see people like  
13 crawling, and in between where I was and where the people up forward were, I hear  
14 this guy screaming and he's sitting on a bench, and I see this guy grabbing him so I go  
15 over there and I look and I know this guy. And I said, ah, shit. His face is full of blood.  
16 And the reason I know the guy is because he was friends with one of the mates that  
17 retired and I asked him if his name was Richie one day because he looked like a guy I  
18 was in the navy with. So I called him Richie -- I don't know if that was his name. And  
19 he looked up and he kind of smiled and he was all shaken up and I looked at his face,  
20 and it just looked like all little scratches.

21 So the guy's trying to -- don't pull this guy. I said, how do you feel? He  
22 said, I'm okay. I'm all shook up. So I touched his arms and his legs and he didn't winch  
23 or scream or anything. Touched his ribs. I said you stay here. Don't move. The  
24 medics are going to be here. Because I heard somebody screaming, the medics --  
25 the medivacs -- I -- I don't know what they said. Anyway, they're coming.

1                   So some passenger grabbed me and now we went up forward of the  
2 boat on the Jersey side of the boat, where the lifeboat would be, or in that area  
3 somewhere, and there was a guy laying on a pile of rubble and -- but he was all  
4 exposed, and somebody said, I check his pulse, he's alive. I went over there, and I  
5 did, I checked his pulse and it was beating, and I didn't see any blood on this guy.

6                   And then we went towards the front of the boat, and we didn't see  
7 anybody. And I have no idea how long it had been. Now I'm going back -- I went to  
8 the other side, and I came back and I seen some people laying on the benches, and  
9 I just figured they had a broken arm or a broken leg and there were people with them,  
10 I said just stay here, the medics are coming. The medics are coming.

11                  Then I went -- then I went to the stern of the boat. And I got to the  
12 stern of the boat -- I'm talking too much, excuse me. The gates are wide open, there's  
13 people all over the back of the boat. Some have life jackets on, some don't. I saw  
14 deck hand Danny Ennis. I said did anybody talk to the wheel house? And he said "I  
15 have no idea". So I went to the phone -- no -- got the people off the end of the boat  
16 and closed up the gates. I went to the phone and Mate Hyde said there was -- he  
17 was on the end of the phone and he said there was no communication with the  
18 wheel house.

19                  So I picked up the phone and I heard somebody talking, and I said,  
20 "This is Billy Doyle. Who is this?" He said, the engine room. I said I want the pilot house.  
21 And he said I don't have the pilot house, so I don't know who he was talking to when I  
22 picked up the phone. I put the phone down.

23                  Then I looked and I said to myself, where are we? Because I had no  
24 idea where we were. When I saw the cement -- when I went in there I saw the  
25 cement. I had no idea where we were. And then I'm on the back of the boat and all

1 I see is water. So I told Danny, I said, look, they've got to bring a boat here. So we'll  
2 get these lines -- because I don't know, I said, Danny are there double ... lines, and he  
3 said yes. I said I'm going to throw the eye on this cleat, get the line out, we'll get ready  
4 for a boat. I said, I'll go on the other side and I'll get the other line. There's no lines on  
5 the other side of the boat. So I went back and there was another line there, so me,  
6 Hyde, and Ennis, we flaked out the line. I threw the eye on the cleat and we got that  
7 ready, and by the time we did that, I said to myself, I think we're underway. And  
8 evidently we were underway and I don't -- from that point I don't remember where I  
9 was or what I did, and I don't remember getting to the other end of the boat. I'm not  
10 even sure if I was the guy that hooked the boat up.

11 The next thing I recall is all the cops and the paramedics were there  
12 and they were going into the boat and the boat wasn't hooked up yet, and I'll telling  
13 them, stop. And then they came out and I told them, everybody down in here. Down  
14 in here. And they went in there, and I went on the other side and there was Dave  
15 Hyde, Danny Ennis and previous -- when me and Ennis were pulling the lines out, I took  
16 a look -- Danny used to work on my boat, and I knew he had a triple bypass and he  
17 didn't look good at all. And I asked him if he had his medicine with him, and he said  
18 yes. I said, you want to go sit? He said no. We did the line, and then I seen him on this  
19 side after we hooked up the boat, and I told him to go sit down.

20 Roland (ph) told me to go to my boat, and I told Dave Hyde, you'd  
21 better take a look at Danny, he doesn't look good. And then I left the boat.

22 CHAIRMAN TURRELL: When was the last time you had medical  
23 training?

24 MR. DOYLE: Medical training?

25 CHAIRMAN TURRELL: Did you have medical training?

1 MR. DOYLE: That was either last year or the year before.

2 CHAIRMAN TURRELL: I'll just start with questions for ... we'll just go  
3 around the room --

4 INVESTIGATOR 2: I don't have any questions.

5 MR. DOYLE: Does anybody mind if I have a cigarette.

6 CHAIRMAN TURRELL: We'll stop the interview. MR. DOYLE:  
7 Thank you.

8 (Whereupon, a brief recess off the record was taken.)

9 CHAIRMAN TURRELL: We are resuming the interview with Billy Doyle. It's  
10 Tuesday, October 21st, at 1445. I've completed my questions. I'll now go to Bill  
11 Woody.

12 MR. WOODY: ... do you have any recollection?

13 MR. DOYLE: Uh -- sometime just before four or after four. I'm not sure.  
14 It could be even five. I don't know. ... because I took the boat, the Lehman, across,  
15 so whatever time the Lehman left.

16 MR. WOODY: So you left on the Lehman?

17 MR. DOYLE: Yes.

18 CHRISTINE: You said that you waved at Mike.

19 MR. DOYLE: Yes.

20 CHRISTINE: At what point was that? Do you recall the time?

21 MR. DOYLE: One minute to three.

22 CHRISTINE: Do you remember seeing anybody else at that time?

23 MR. DOYLE: I saw somebody. I don't know who it was. Like I said, this  
24 is what I saw when I come on, hey, how you doing? How you doing? Who exactly  
25 was there -- could have been the cop -- it's just a group of people there, I just waved.

1 Like I said, the guy on the bridge, it's supposed to be Dennis Connell (ph) I'm going to  
2 guess it was Dennis Connell (ph), but I couldn't actually say I saw Dennis.

3 MR. WOODY: Who's ...

4 MR. DOYLE: He's the bridge man in Whitehall.

5 CHRISTINE: You said that ...

6 MR. DOYLE: He was a good guy.

7 CHRISTINE: And Gansas, had you worked with him before?

8 MR. DOYLE: Not -- I'm sure I must have, but I don't recall working with  
9 him as a Captain. I remember him as a deck hand. I remember him as an AC, and I  
10 can't even tell you if he was ever a mate. I don't recall.

11 CHRISTINE: But you worked with him before, though?

12 MR. DOYLE: Yes.

13 CHRISTINE: And what was your relationship with him?

14 MR. DOYLE: Well, you know, hello, how are you? That kind of thing.  
15 He seemed like a -- well, it speaks for itself, you know, he came as a deck hand, he  
16 worked himself up to Captain. He's conscientious. So I'm sure if I pulled out an  
17 evaluation on him it was a good one.

18 INVESTIGATOR 4: When you were crossing, riding underneath the  
19 lifeboat, right, you said it was windy. Did you notice anything about the speed of the  
20 vessel? Was it normal? Was it slow or was it faster than usual?

21 MR. DOYLE: No, normal.

22 INVESTIGATOR 4: And when the collision occurred, did you say, hey,  
23 did we get here already?

24 MR. DOYLE: No --

25 INVESTIGATOR 4: ... time line?

1 MR. DOYLE: No, I just -- I was just standing out there and the expanse  
2 from Brooklyn and the bridge, it's all pretty, time-wise, you know, I didn't give it a  
3 thought.

4 INVESTIGATOR 4: When you were walking on and you saw Mike up at  
5 the wheel house, was there anybody else in the wheel house with him?

6 MR. DOYLE: I couldn't recall.

7 INVESTIGATOR 4: And afterwards, when you were assisting, making  
8 your way around the deck and assisting -- at any time did you see Captain Smith on  
9 the main deck?

10 MR. DOYLE: The only people I remember seeing is Calver (ph), some  
11 new guy, Jerry, Trevor's the engineer, right -- Trevor, and I think the guy's name is Richie  
12 -- he's a fairly new oiler, Bobby Rush, Hyde, Ennis, Sylvester. I think that -- I think that's  
13 the only ones that I remember.

14 INVESTIGATOR 4: What about Greenwood?

15 MR. DOYLE: Later, I think. Later, I think I saw him.

16 INVESTIGATOR 4: After --

17 MR. DOYLE: After we got in.

18 INVESTIGATOR 4: After you got in?

19 MR. DOYLE: Yes, yes, I did see him because his face was like his blood  
20 pressure was 1000 and he asked me if he could leave the boat. And I touched his  
21 face, and he was all clammy, and I said, look, you have to talk to Morgan, tell him you  
22 need to get off the boat. But don't go anywhere. Go in dock office and sit down.  
23 Yeah, Greenwood.

24 INVESTIGATOR 4: Who's Morgan?

25 MR. DOYLE: Morgan, Captain Morgan.

1 INVESTIGATOR 4: And you didn't see Captain Smith on the deck or  
2 walking off?

3 MR. DOYLE: No, I didn't see him at all.

4 INVESTIGATOR 4: And you think you may have helped hook up the  
5 boat?

6 MR. DOYLE: Maybe. I don't recall. I'm starting to think maybe I didn't  
7 because I was telling the firemen to stay back, so maybe I didn't, or maybe I did. I  
8 don't know.

9 INVESTIGATOR 4: But you worked your way up to right where the  
10 accident occurred. Did you see ...

11 MR. DOYLE: I don't remember seeing a tug boat, and I -- somebody  
12 told me that the tug boat took us out of there, I didn't even know we were moving.

13 MR. HARDY: Were you standing or sitting when you felt --

14 MR. DOYLE: I was standing.

15 MR. HARDY: You were standing. Did you ever feel it slow down at all?

16 MR. DOYLE: Not one bit, because if it did, I would have been walking  
17 up on that side of the boat to get to the end of the boat.

18 MR. HARDY: Okay.

19 INVESTIGATOR 6: Usually we come to work in uniform -- were you in  
20 uniform with your hat on?

21 MR. DOYLE: Yes, I had the hat on.

22 CHAIRMAN TURRELL: Tell me, have you ever been on the bridge on  
23 these vessels when they've been in transit?

24 MR. DOYLE: Yes, not too often. I don't like it up there.

25 CHAIRMAN TURRELL: What would be an occasion for you to go to the

1 bridge during a transit as a mate?

2 MR. DOYLE: You mean if I was working?

3 CHAIRMAN TURRELL: If you were working. Would there be an  
4 occasion for you to visit the bridge for any reason?

5 MR. DOYLE: Yes, it could be a whole lot of things -- work orders,  
6 accident report, rather than -- say I was on the bridge deck, rather that look down  
7 and call on the phone, I'd just go in the pilot house and tell the Captain something  
8 that I know, somebody said they want to go home sick, or whatever. Need to call  
9 ahead to St. George to replace them, something like that.

10 CHAIRMAN TURRELL: When you have had the occasion to go up to  
11 the bridge, how many people normally would be up on the bridge during the transit?

12 MR. DOYLE: It would be the lookout, and the two captains.

13 CHAIRMAN TURRELL: Did you ever have occasion to see -- be up there  
14 and there's maybe no lookout, or one captain, or --

15 MR. DOYLE: Sometimes what might happen is the bridge -- let's say just  
16 that the main deck guy is on lookout, and the bridge man he's in charge of the boat  
17 pilot house, so he might be up there doing something, the Captain might want him to  
18 clean the windows or whatever, and the bridge man might be the other lookout, or  
19 they might both be up there at the same time.

20 CHAIRMAN TURRELL: Have you ever been on the bridge when there's  
21 only the Captain, or only the Assistant Captain? Have you ever been up there when  
22 there's only one pilot on the bridge during transit?

23 MR. DOYLE: Oh, yes, yes.

24 CHAIRMAN TURRELL: And what conditions would they be normally?  
25 Where would the other person be?

1 MR. DOYLE: When they let the boat go, there's a time gap between  
2 the time one of the Captains gets to the other wheel house.

3 CHAIRMAN TURRELL: And how long in your experience is that time lag?

4 MR. DOYLE: Oh, I wouldn't know. I'm down on the deck. I'm just going  
5 from what I know, the guy's got to go from here to there. He might have to go to the  
6 bathroom. Some of the guys study, they might have to drop a book off or whatever  
7 they might be doing.

8 CHAIRMAN TURRELL: When you're on duty as a mate, with the ferry,  
9 and your job is to tie the vessel up, do you have a radio with you?

10 MR. DOYLE: Yes.

11 CHAIRMAN TURRELL: And normally, how do you -- what type of  
12 communications do you relate on that radio during docking or undocking, what kind  
13 of communications?

14 MR. DOYLE: Nine times out of ten, I won't use the radio. I mean, I'll just  
15 go to the phone and call them on the phone.

16 CHAIRMAN TURRELL: What would be an occasion for you to use the  
17 radio? What type of -- you usually use the phone, but why would you use the radio?

18 MR. DOYLE: Okay, the boat's coming in and let's say the ... yells down,  
19 don't hook the boat up. I'll yell up to the pilot house and if he doesn't understand  
20 what I'm saying, I'll take the radio up, but I'll give him the hand signal, take the boat  
21 back. Then I'll go to the phone and I'll call him on the phone.

22 CHAIRMAN TURRELL: So you're using the radio in unusual  
23 circumstances, is that a correct characterization?

24 MR. DOYLE: Yes, because there's interference on the radio -- it's not --  
25 it depends on where you have it. And you hear something but you can't hear exactly

1       what it is, and you take it off your belt, and you say, you calling me?

2                       CHAIRMAN TURRELL: At any time did you hear any familiar alarms,  
3       announcements or whistles?

4                       MR. DOYLE: I didn't hear any.

5                       CHAIRMAN TURRELL: I have no other questions right now. Anyone  
6       have any more questions?

7                       This concludes the interview. If you'll just acknowledge one more time  
8       that this is recorded and your name.

9                       MR. DOYLE: My name is William Thomas Doyle and I realize this has  
10      been recorded.

11                      CHAIRMAN TURRELL: Thank you very much.